Inspection of Mr. T. R. Subbarama Ayyar's Depot at Ernakulam.

200. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what is the report of the Conservator of Forests on the inspection of the depot of Mr. T. R. Subbarama Ayyar at Ernakulam and what is the cause of this inspection?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Government are not aware of the existence of a deopt in Ernakulam of Mr. T. R. Subbarama Ayyar.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was Mr. Subbarama Ayyar a contractor under the Forest Department?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes, he was.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Had he a depot at Pachchalam?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Is Pachchalam a part of Ernakulam?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes. But when this question was put, Mr. Subbarama Ayyar was no more.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—What was the difficulty to identify Mr. Subbarama Ayyar?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—The depot at Pachchalam is not Mr. Subbarama Ayyar's now.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—To my question what is the report of the Conservator of Forests on the inspection of the depot of Mr. T. R. Subbarama Ayyar at Ernakulam the answer is that there is no depot now. So am I to understand that the objection is for the omission of the word 'late'?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes.

Sale of forest produce.

201. **Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to furnish the following information:—

1. has it not been decided at the last Budget Session of the Legislative Council that forest produce of any kind should not be sold except by public auction;

2. if so, why the growth standing in Kalavarakunnu in Talappalli was sold to one Mr. N. K. Dharmaraja Ayyar by private negotiation in contravention to the above decision of the Council?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—1 and 2. In the Budget Session of 1103 the Legislative Council carried a token motion urging that all sales in the Forest Department should be by public auction; but Government have not accepted that principle formally. The sale in question is in conformity with the provision in Article III (2) of the *Forest Code* and was a very advantageous one.

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